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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

THE SCO GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff/Counterclaim-Defendant,

v.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES
CORPORATION,

Defendant/Counterclaim-Plaintiff.

**MEMORANDUM ATTACHING AND IN
SUPPORT OF IBM'S PROPOSED
SCHEDULING ORDER**

(ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED)

Civil No. 2:03CV-0294 DAK

Honorable Dale A. Kimball

Magistrate Judge Brooke C. Wells

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Pursuant to the Court's January 18, 2005 Order, defendant/counterclaim-plaintiff International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM") respectfully submits this memorandum attaching and in support of its proposed scheduling order.

Preliminary Statement

In its January 18 Order, the Court directed the parties to meet and confer and to submit a proposed scheduling order on or before March 25, 2005. The parties met and conferred and reached agreement on elements of a proposed schedule.¹ Because the parties have been unable to agree in all respects, however, they are submitting competing scheduling proposals. We respectfully submit that the Court should enter IBM's proposed scheduling order, attached as Exhibit A, as the final scheduling order in the case.²

SCO objects to only one substantive feature of IBM's proposal: that the Court set deadlines for both parties to disclose the particulars of their claims (first by an interim deadline and then by a final deadline) before the close of all fact discovery. IBM proposes that the parties disclose the precise contours of their claims at a time when they will be able to take discovery with respect to those claims and properly prepare them for trial. SCO, by contrast, insists on a

¹ During several lengthy phone conversations, local counsel for IBM and local counsel for SCO discussed each of the scheduling deadlines, making clear they would need to confer with their respective co-counsel before finally agreeing. Local counsel reached a tentative agreement on everything other than the four issues addressed in this memorandum. Local counsel for IBM then contacted counsel for SCO and informed him that these tentative deadlines were acceptable to IBM. This afternoon, counsel for SCO informed us that SCO would not agree to these tentative deadlines. The proposed scheduling order submitted herewith includes the tentative deadlines, and though we do not know what SCO finds objectionable about them, they represent a compromise and we respectfully submit they are reasonable.

² In the event the Court were to deny IBM's motion for reconsideration of the January 18 Order and require IBM to provide discovery from the files of thousands of individuals or to grant SCO's motion to amend its complaint yet again and allow SCO to expand the case, IBM's proposed schedule would obviously have to be modified. In such circumstances, the proposed deadlines would need to be extended.

schedule that would allow it to keep IBM in the dark about its claims and deny IBM the right to prepare its defenses to those claims. SCO's proposal, if accepted, would result in further unnecessary disputes and delay.

IBM objects to three of the provisions SCO seeks to include in the scheduling order. SCO seeks to include provisions that would (1) foreclose IBM's motion for reconsideration without substantive review by the Court; (2) re-open the pleadings more than one year after expiration of the deadline for amending pleadings; and (3) require the parties and the Court to participate in monthly status conferences — on no particular subject — that would merely invite unnecessary disputes. There is no need for the provisions SCO proposes. In fact, they would operate merely to short circuit existing orders and procedures that are already in place. SCO's proposed provisions should not be included in the scheduling order.

Argument

I. THE COURT SHOULD ENTER A SCHEDULING ORDER IMPOSING A DEADLINE FOR THE PARTIES TO IDENTIFY ALLEGEDLY MISUSED MATERIAL.

From the beginning of this litigation, IBM has endeavored to learn the specific identity of the material (including source code, methods, concepts and so on) that IBM is alleged to have misused. To that end, IBM has met and conferred with SCO and filed two motions to compel, resulting in discovery orders requiring SCO to disclose its alleged evidence. Yet, as the Court recognized in its February 9 Order, SCO has failed to adduce any evidence that IBM has infringed SCO's alleged copyrights. (See 2/9/05 Memorandum Decision and Order at 10 ("it is astonishing that SCO has not offered any competent evidence to create a disputed fact regarding whether IBM has infringed SCO's alleged copyrights through IBM's Linux activities").) That is so despite SCO's repeated public statements that it has mountains of evidence of IBM's alleged misconduct. (Id. at 8-9 (listing certain of SCO's public statements about its alleged evidence).)

As a result, IBM has long been concerned that, absent a final, court-imposed deadline for the parties specifically to identify the materials they contend one another misused (the “Allegedly Misused Material”), SCO will not disclose the identity of the Allegedly Misused Material until it is too late for IBM to prepare a defense with respect to that material. SCO reinforced our concern by refusing to agree to a schedule that would require either an interim or a final disclosure of the Allegedly Misused Material. Although the parties met and conferred regarding their respective proposals, SCO did not offer a reason for its objection to IBM’s proposal. There is not, we submit, any good reason for not imposing firm deadlines, in advance of the close of all fact discovery, for the parties to disclose the Allegedly Misused Material.³

If and when SCO properly identifies the Allegedly Misused Material, IBM will obviously need to take discovery with respect to that material. For example, if SCO were to identify Linux code that it contends is derived from AIX, Dynix, or UNIX System V and was improperly contributed to Linux, then IBM would need to take discovery to determine the facts relating to the code in question, including but not limited to (i) who wrote the code, when, how, and why, (ii) whether and to what extent it is in the public domain and (iii) whether and to what extent it is protectable by contract or copyright. Unless the Court imposes a deadline by which the parties must identify the Allegedly Misused Material, then they may not learn the identity of the material they are alleged to have misused until after the close of fact discovery and potentially even expert discovery when it would be too late to prepare a defense to claims relating to the material.

³ IBM’s proposal imposes a reciprocal disclosure obligation. We are not suggesting that the Court impose on SCO an obligation that would not also be imposed on IBM. The reason SCO is uninterested in IBM being required to disclose the material it alleges SCO has misused is that IBM has already done so with great particularity.

Under IBM's proposal, the parties would be required specifically to identify the Allegedly Misused Material on a staged basis before the close of all discovery.⁴ Specifically, IBM proposes an interim deadline of June 11, 2005, by which the parties would identify the Allegedly Misused Material known to them as of that date, and a final deadline of August 11, 2005, by which the parties would identify any and all material that the other party is alleged to have misused. All fact discovery would close on August 11, 2005, except as to defenses to claims relating to the Allegedly Misused Material. The only fact discovery that would be permitted thereafter would be fact discovery relating to defenses to claims relating to the Allegedly Misused Material. No party could contend that another party misused material not identified by the August 11 deadline; no expert could opine as to the misuse of material not identified by the deadline.

Imposing an interim deadline, as IBM's proposal does, allows the parties to undertake discovery relating the Allegedly Misused Material as soon as possible, without having to wait until the final deadline for disclosing Allegedly Misused Material. There is no reason to defer discovery relating to the parties' defenses, which cannot reasonably be undertaken until the Allegedly Misused Material has been identified, any longer than necessary. Imposing a final deadline, before the close of all fact discovery, for the parties to disclose all of the Allegedly

⁴ For this purpose, the Allegedly Misused Material must be identified by version, file and line of code. For example, to the extent a party contends the other party has infringed its copyrights, the accusing party must identify and match up the allegedly infringing and allegedly infringed material by version, file and line of code. To the extent a party contends that the other party has breached its contractual obligations by contributing code to Linux, the accusing party must identify the material alleged to have been contributed improperly by version, file and line of code, and to the extent the allegedly contributed material is not Unix System V code, but is in any sense alleged to have been based on or resulted from Unix System V code, the version, file and line of Unix System V code from which the allegedly contributed material is alleged to derive or result.

Misused Material, ensures that the parties learn what each other's case is about at a time when they can take fact discovery necessary to prepare a defense. If the Court does not impose a real deadline by which the parties must disclose the Allegedly Misused Material and then allow discovery with respect to the material disclosed, then IBM will remain in the dark as to the particulars of SCO's claims and be denied the opportunity to take discovery regarding the material that IBM is alleged to have misused.

Moreover, requiring the parties to disclose the Allegedly Misused Material before the close of all fact discovery will allow the parties to engage in meaningful expert discovery and refine the issues in dispute for summary adjudication. The parties may or may not require the assistance of experts to identify the material they contend one another misused. If they do, then their experts can assist them in making their disclosures. Expert discovery is not the time, however, for identifying the Allegedly Misused Material. It should be done in advance of expert reports so that the parties' experts can focus on what is really in dispute. It would make no sense, and would plainly be unfair, to allow either party to identify the Allegedly Misused Material for the first time by way of the report of one of its experts.

In sum, the Court should set deadlines for both parties to disclose the particulars of their claims (first by an interim deadline and then by a final deadline) before the close of all fact discovery. It is difficult to imagine how such a requirement could prejudice SCO, particularly since SCO has been ordered (twice) to provide this information to IBM.

II. THE PROVISIONS SCO SEEKS TO INSERT INTO THE SCHEDULE ARE EITHER UNNECESSARY OR INAPPROPRIATE.

As stated, SCO's proposal includes three provisions not included in IBM's proposal. Those provisions seek to (1) deny IBM the relief sought by its motion for reconsideration of the Court's January 18 Order; (2) re-open the pleadings more than one year after the expiration of

the deadline for amending pleadings; and (3) require monthly status conferences — on no particular subject — that would merely encourage unnecessary disputes. None of these provisions is either necessary or appropriate.

First, SCO includes in its proposal a provision requiring IBM to complete on or before May 3, 2005 production of the discovery ordered by the Court on January 18, 2005. There is already an order in place requiring IBM to complete that production (insofar as it is not the subject of IBM's motion for reconsideration) by May 3, 2005. (See 3/17/05 Order Re IBM's Motion for 45-Day Extension to Comply with 1/18/05 Order.) There is therefore no reason for the scheduling order to address the issue as well. SCO failed to offer any reason for this redundant provision during the parties' meet-and-confer; we assume, however, that SCO seeks this provision solely to secure an order requiring IBM to produce the discovery at issue in IBM's motion for reconsideration. The Court already has addressed that issue as well, however. In its March 17, 2005, order, the Court expressly ruled that "IBM shall not be required to produce [the discovery at issue on its motion for reconsideration] until the Court has ruled on that motion". (Id.) Accordingly, there is no reason for the scheduling order to include a provision requiring IBM to complete production of the discovery required by the January 18 Order on or before May 3, 2005.

Second, SCO seizes upon the Court's request that the parties submit a new scheduling order as an opportunity to reopen the pleadings. The deadline for amending the pleadings passed more than one year ago, without any request by SCO to extend it. Yet SCO proposes that the parties be allowed until June 17, 2005, to submit new pleadings. In an Order dated June 10, 2004, the Court ruled that it would not change the scheduling order in the case "absent extremely compelling circumstances". There is no reason — and certainly there are not extremely compelling circumstances — for the Court to reopen the deadline for amending the pleadings.

That is especially so since SCO clearly seeks this adjustment solely as a means to gain an advantage in connection with its pending — and untimely — motion for leave to file an amended complaint.⁵ At this stage, the case should be getting smaller, not bigger.

Third, SCO seeks to require the Court and the parties to participate in monthly status conferences. During the parties' meet-and-confer, SCO offered no valid reason for including such a requirement. IBM is willing to participate in status conferences if the Court believes they are necessary, but we respectfully submit there is no reason for monthly status conferences. If SCO wishes to bring an issue to the Court's attention, it can do so by filing an appropriate motion after satisfying its obligation to meet and confer with IBM. Requiring the parties to participate in monthly status conferences would merely invite unnecessary disputes. Indeed, we believe, respectfully, that a monthly status conference would multiply not decrease discovery issues — inviting the parties to raise issues with the Court without first properly propounding discovery requests, conferring in good faith regarding disagreements, and submitting appropriate briefing.

⁵ As is explained in IBM's opposition to SCO's motion to amend, if SCO wishes to bring the claim it seeks to assert against IBM, then it can seek to assert the claim in the Court in which it is contractually bound to proceed (a New York court).

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, IBM respectfully requests that the Court enter IBM's proposed schedule as the final scheduling order in the case.

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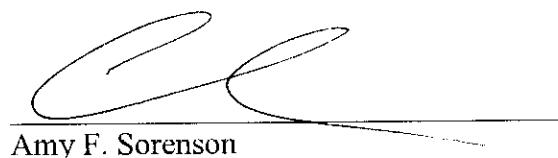
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